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"Days dragged along!" HAD MY OWN IDEA WHO KILLED MADELEINE, BUT, MY SUSPICIONS WERE NOT ENOUGH! THEN, ONE DAY..."

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FINGERPRINTS IN
THE APARTMENT
CHECK WITH THOSE
OF NAT KELLER,
WHO WAS ARRESTED WANT
HERE SOME MONTHS
AGO!

CASE!

"Meanwhile, MILES AWAY, KELLER STARTED LEAVING THE TRAIL OF DEATH WHICH WAS TO BE HIS DOOM . . . "



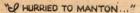




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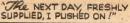




I FIND THE BODIES OF POOR PIERRE AN' HIS DAUGHTER, AN' I FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF THEIR NORTH/

THAT MEANS HES HITTING FOR ESKIMO COUNTRY





THERE'S A MOUNTED POLICE STATION AT RAWLIN'S BAY! HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR



"Even AS I MOVED NORTH-WARD, KELLER HAD ENTERED ESKIMO COUNTRY ...

I, POOKAH, WELCOME YOU TO OUR VILLAGE THAT'S MIGHTY NICE OF THERE IS NOT YOU, FRIEND MUCH HERE, BUT WHAT WE HAVE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SHARE! FOOD AND REST







LEARNED LATER WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE VILLAGE! KELLER STAYED FOR MANY WEEKS, UNTIL...



AND WHAT IF I FEEL LIKE SPEAKING TO HER THAT WAY...











"But THAT NIGHT ..."



"At" THE RAWLIN'S BAY MOUNTED POLICE STATION ...







"WE REVIVED HER, AND SHE TOLD US OF THE TERRIBLE EVENTS IN THE ESKIMO VILLAGE..."



" CINL A FEW HOURS, I WAS READY TO MOVE..."



"JBUZGE DAYS LATER, I ARRIVED AT THE VILLAGE ..."











"Slowly, THE CURTAIN OF DARKNESS WHICH HAD CLOSED AROUND ME, PARTED, AND..."











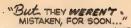






"FO'Z MORE THAN A DAY, I







EVIDENCES OF KELLER, ALL ALONG THE TRAIL..."















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"Several weeks later, I heard the words that sealed his fate!"



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WHEW! WHAT A STORY!



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STAND BEFORE A JURY OF HIS PEERS, TO BE
BRANDED BYALL AS A CRIMINAL AND A
MURDERER!

HIS PERSONAL EMOTIONS TO GET THE BETTER OF HIM!
HIS FIRST DUTY IS TO THE PEOPLE WHO ENTRUST
HIM WITH ENFORCING THE LAW! KELLER
WAS A MONEY-AND-POWER-CRAZED KILLER,
AND HIS EXECUTION WILL BE A WARNING TO OTHERS
WHO MAY TRY TO TAKE THE CROOKED PATH TO THE
HANGMAN'S NOOSE!

YOU SEE, SERGEANT, A POLICEMAN MUST NOT ALLOW

ADVICE TO COMIC READERS FOR

BAD SKIN

Stop Worrying Now About Pimples, Blackheads
And Other Externally Caused Skin Troubles

JUST FOLLOW SKIN DOCTOR'S SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

By Belly Memphis

Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

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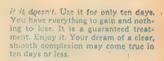
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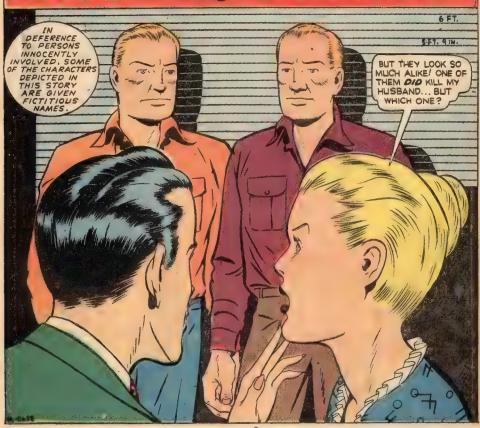
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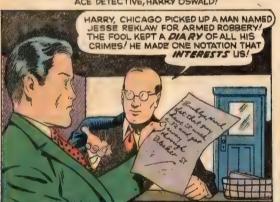
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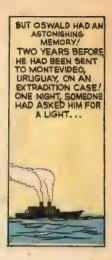






























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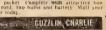
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UGBOAT captain Lucky Howell and his bitter rival, Moose Kendrick, watched silently while J. J. Gray, head of the Seacoast Lighterage Company, compared the two bids on his desk. He finally handed one bid to Kendrick.

"Sorry, captain, but Howell's is the lower bid," he said, then turned to Howell. "You get the job, Howell, but it's the lowest bid for the run we've ever had. It's a long haul around Claybank for the price you've made!"

Lucky smiled. "I know channels, sir. I've found a passage through the Claybank that will save me more than half the mileage!"

"Good work! Be at our dock at 6:30 tomorrow morning. The barges will be waiting for you," he said, then dismissed the rivals with a smile and a nod.

As soon as they reached the street, Kendrick swung around and faced Howell.

"I oughta pound you to a pulp, Howell!" the giant growled. "It's the first job you've outbid me on in months, but it's one too many! I'll get that tug yet. Don't forget your noté is due in a few days!"

Lucky laughed in his face. "I won't forget it, you big gorilla... and I'll make that tow 'despite you!"

The young skipper of the Lady Luck wasn't smiling in his cabin aboard the big ocean-going tug an hour later. He was checking and re-checking a column of figures when his engineer, Spotless McCoy, came in, wiping grimy hands on an even grimier rag. The nickname was his because of his engine room, rather than his person.

"Well, Lucky, did we get the job?"

"Yeah, Mac, we have the job, but it won't net enough to pay the note due Kendrick. If I lose her to that lug, I'll go back to the farm. He's kept us idle for the last six months. Kendrick'd rather lose money on a job than see us working." Lucky shrugged and got up. "The next 24 hours will tell the story. He might trip himself up yet ...,"

fault. I'm sure that the big lug is the rat that fouled our screw and put us out of action six weeks ago. I'd love to get back at him!"

"Yeah, I guess he has us on the ropes." Lucky agreed. "C'mon, let's forget our troubles at a movie in town."

"How about them charts? . . . and who's gonna watch the tug?" Spotless sputtered. "That guy might . , ." Lucky cut him short by literally dragging him down the gangway and up the dock.

Moose Kendrick watched the pair from his tug, the Sea Wolf. The two boats were tied up at the same pier, and Lucky's rival wore a cunning expression as his gaze rested on the deserted Lady Luck.

Early next morning, Lucky Howell whistled into the speaking tube to the engine room. Mac whistled back immediately.

"Turn 'em over, Mac. We're going to work!"

"Aye, aye, skipper."

Lucky paced the tiny bridge while he waited for the first throb of the powerful Diesels. A whistle from the tube brought him on the run.

"Trouble, Lucky!" Spotless said dismally. "Looks like that big ape did it again! There's cotton waste jammed in all the valves. It'll take me an hour to clean it up!"

Lucky scowled. "Okay, Mac, do the best you can. I'll stand by."

The young skipper leaned on the rail and looked across the dock to where the Sea Wolf was preparing to cast off. Kendrick saw him and waved genially.

"Got trouble, Lucky?" his booming voice set Lucky's teeth on edge. "Don't worry about that tow job. I'll get there in plenty of time to take care of it for you. You know you lose the job if you don't get there by 6:30!"

Lucky watched helplessly as the Sea Wolf nosed out from the pier. He knew that Gray would be forced to give Kendrick the job when the Lady Luck didn't appear on time. Spotless nodded. "Yeah, and it's not our He went into his cabin and noted that his



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chart of the Claybank Reef was missing. Lucky smiled crookedly and got a duplicate. from a locker.

Fifty-five minutes later, the big Diesels came to life beneath his feet. Lucky stepped to the rail and bawled to the two lounging seamen. "Cast off all lines!"

Mac was cheerful again. "Ready for sea below decks, Lucky!"

"Right, Mac. One-third ahead. We are going to work this time!"

It was 7:00 o'clock when they approached the pier of the Seacoast Lighterage Company. The barges were gone. Lucky used his binoculars and spotted the Sea Wolf with three barges in tow. The tug was far down the coast and headed for the Claybank. Mac joined him as he lowered the glasses.

"Well, he has us licked this time, Lucky!"

Mac muttered. "I knew we shouldn't've gone
to town vesterday!"

Lucky was cheerful. "It doesn't matter. We couldn't cover our bills and the note with the proceeds from that job anyway. Besides, I owe that bird a lesson. Now get back down there and see how much speed you can out of those coffee grinders."

Lucky used the glasses continuously as they overhauled the Sea Wolf. The Lady Luck was only a few hundred yards astern as the other tug headed for the foaming breakers that marked Claybank Reef. A darker, quieter strip of water indicated depth, and it was this that the Lady Luck headed toward.

Lucky spotted J. J. Gray, the barge owner, on the bridge with Kendrick. Gray saw the Lady Luck and waved to her young skipper, spreading his hands to show that he couldn't help awarding Kendrick the job. Kendrick saw the gesture and wheeled around, smiling when he saw Lucky.

Mac was on the bridge again looking disgusted. "I'd wipe that smile off his ugly puss with a spanner wrench if I was near him. C'mon, Lucky, let's go home,"

Lucky shook his head. "Go back below and stand by. Unless I'm wrong, we'll get a day's work yet!"

He held his breath as the Sea Wolf plowed ahead, the barges strung out behind. Kendrick had to make a quick, sure passage or the barges would swing with the current and go aground. Suddenly, he saw Kendrick dash for

the wheel and the engine room telegraph, but not in time.

Kendrick had spotted the rapidly shallowing water too late. The Sea Wolf came to a grinding, abrupt halt on the gluey bottom of Claybank Reef. Kendrick futilely tried to back off, and Lucky knew that the dropping tide would have him hard aground in another half-hour.

Lucky rang for one-third ahead, and edged closer. Kendrick turned and waved at Lucky, a sickly smile on his heavy features.

"Glad to see you, Howell!" Kendrick's voice was full of affection. "Looks like we're stuck. How about giving us a tow out of here?"

"I sure will, Kendrick!" Lucky's voice held sweetness too. "Provided that you sign over the note you hold on the Lady Luck. Just sign it and give it to Mr. Gray . . . and then, I'll finish the job you bungled!"

Kendrick grew purple when he heard the terms and vented a stream of epithets that made Lucky blush. Gray held up a hand and stopped him. The barge owner talked a moment, and Lucky could see that Kendrick didn't like it, but he finally nodded. He turned back to Lucky.

"You win, Howell! Pass me a line and let's get this over with!"

Lucky nodded and the Lady Luck nosed up to the Sea Wolf. A line was put aboard and Gray stepped onto the Lady Luck. Lucky signalled full speed astern, and the Sea Wolf was soon free of the reef. Kendrick cast off the towline from the barges which Lucky ordered picked up and secured fast. He set his course again, heading south parallel to Claybank Reef.

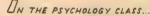
"I thought you knew a passage, captain," Gray said anxiously,

"I do, Mr. Gray." Lucky said chuckling. "It's half a mile further south. I had a hunch Kendrick would pull something so I made it easy for him and left bait. The chart he used this morning was one I left, with a passage marked on it . . . the wrong passage! Naturally, he stole it when Mac and I went to the movies yesterday afternoon. Guess I was lucky again!"

J. J. Gray nodded. "Proves the old adage, captain. You make your own luck, especially on Claybank Reef!" THE END. \$1-1798







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WORKYING, JOE! YOU JOONT
THINK I'D LET THESE
DUMMIES TRIP ME UP,
DO YOU!

AND SO ROEHL HAD CARRIED OFF ANOTHER



TT'S A CINCH! HIT 'EM WHERE THEY DON'T EXPECT IT! CASING THE JOINT IS THE



BO IT WENT! ROBBERY AFTER ROBBERY ... AND ROEHL WAS CONSIDERED A MASTERMIND!







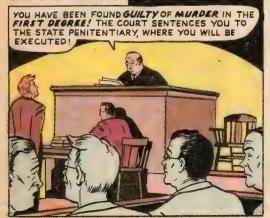








THE ERSTWHILE MASTERMIND WENT TO TRIAL, AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD..."



"A FEW DAYS LATER, AT THE STATE PEN ... "





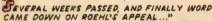
YOU'LL BE TREATED FAIRLY,
ROEHL! UNTIL WORD COMES
DOWN ON- YOUR APPEAL, YOU'LL
BE ASSIGNED THE SAME DUTIES
AS OTHER MEN OF YOUR STATUS
IN PRISON! BUT I WARN YOU —





























ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1926, THE FOUR OCCUPANTS OF THE DEATH HOUSE WERE TAKING THEIR EXERCISE..."























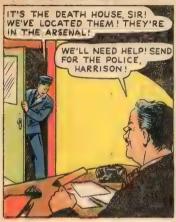








S SOON AS I HEARD THE ALARM,







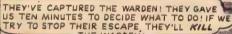
PERHAPS A BIT FOOLISHLY, I WALKED INTO HIS

OKAY, WARDEN— YOU'RE OUR TICKET OUT
OF HERE! DO AS I SAY OR I'LL KILL YOU AND
THESE PUNKS!

VOU'LL NEVER GET OUT!



EANWHILE, THE POLICE ARRIVED ..."







CHIEF! MEANWHILE, SEND A
COUPLE OF RIFLEMEN WHERE
THEY CAN COVER THE
ARSENAL!
WHAT'S YOUR
PLAN, MASON?

I'D RATHER NOT SAY, SIR!
JUST GET THE RIFLEMEN
INTO POSITION WHERE
THEY CAN PICK THEM OFF
IN THE ROOM!



ASON PUT HIS PLOT INTO EFFECT.."





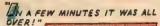














SO THAT'S THE END OF FRED ROEHL, THE MASTERMIND! YOU OUTSMARTED HIM, MASON! BUT YOU TOOK A GREAT RISK!





SO YOU SEE, THERE ARE NO REAL MASTERMINDS IN CRIME! THE CRIMINAL HAS THE INITIAL ADVANTAGE BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS TO DO! BUT, IN THE END, HE LOSES!



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